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**ALL FARM  
PRODUCTS INDEX  
UP 1 POINT**

The December All Farm Products index for Minnesota was up 1 point from November.

The Crops index for December remained unchanged from November. Prices received by farmers for soybeans for December averaged \$5.60 per bushel, a decrease of 13 cents from the November price. Corn increased 1 cent from November to a December price of \$2.04 per bushel.

The Meat Animal index increased 1 point from last month. The all hog price for December was \$56.00 per cwt., a decrease of 20 cents from the November price. The all beef cattle price for December was \$75.40, an increase of \$1.50 from the November price.

The Dairy Products index was up 7 points from last month. The all milk price for December, at \$17.10 per cwt., was up 50 cents from November.

**AVERAGE PRICES RECEIVED BY FARMERS**

Commodity And Unit	U.S.	Minnesota		
	Dec 2004 1/	Dec 2003 2/	Nov 2004 2/	Dec 2004 1/
Barley, Feed & Malting, bu 3/	2.46	3/	2.29	2.21
Beans, Dry Edible, All, cwt	27.10	17.10	24.40	25.60
Kidney, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Navy, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Pinto, cwt	4/	3/	3/	3/
Corn, bu	1.99	2.17	2.03	2.04
Hay, All, Baled, ton	84.30	69.00	72.00	71.00
Alfalfa, Baled, ton	92.40	73.00	76.00	75.00
Other, Baled, ton	67.10	54.00	52.00	55.00
Oats, bu	1.42	1.43	1.25	1.27
Potatoes, cwt	5.10	5.15	5.70	5.50
Soybeans, bu	5.41	7.07	5.73	5.60
Sunflowers, All, cwt	13.90	13.50	15.80	17.30
Wheat, All, bu	3.38	3.69	3.31	3.22
Calves, cwt	121.00	99.80	107.00	108.00
Cattle, All Beef, cwt 5/	86.80	85.00	73.90	75.40
Cows, cwt, 6/	48.70	54.30	51.00	50.50
Steers & Heifers, cwt	91.90	94.20	80.00	82.00
Milk Cows, head 7/	--	--	--	--
Hogs, All, cwt	54.50	36.10	56.20	56.00
Barrows & Gilts, cwt	54.90	36.20	56.20	56.00
Sows, cwt	46.00	27.50	47.10	46.50
Lambs, cwt 8/	--	88.60	92.20	--
Sheep, cwt 8/	--	36.70	35.00	--
Milk, All, cwt	16.50	13.80	16.60	17.10
Eggs, Table Market, doz	.488	0.70	0.41	0.43

1/ Preliminary 2/ Entire month data 3/ Price not published to avoid disclosure of individual firms 4/ Price not set at the US level 5/ "cows" and "steers and heifers" combined. 6/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter. 7/ Animals sold for dairy herd replacement only. Prices published in Jan., Apr., Jul., and Oct. 8/ Preliminary prices discontinued Jan. 1996.

**MINNESOTA INDEX OF PRICES RECEIVED (1977=100)**

Commodities	U.S.*	Minnesota		
	Dec 2004 1/	Dec 2003 2/	Nov 2004 2/	Dec 2004 1/
All Farm Products	112	136	140	141
Crops	104	126	113	113
Meat Animals	119	149	173	174
Dairy Products	126	157	187	194
Poultry & Eggs	118	118	101	105

1/ Preliminary. 2/ Entire month data.

\* 1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977 = 100 beginning Jan. 1995.

**U.S. INDEX SUMMARY (1990-92 = 100) \***

Item	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Nov 2004	Dec 2004
Prices Received	116	114	115	112
Prices Paid (Interest, Taxes, Wage Rates)	129	129	134	134
Parity Ratio 1/	90	88	86	84

1/ Computed by dividing Prices Received Index by Prices Paid Index. \* 1990-92=100 reference replaces 1977=100 beginning January 1995

**CONSUMER PRICE INDEX**

1982-84=100: November 2003 184.5 November 2004 191.0

## DECEMBER 1 HOG AND PIG INVENTORIES DOWN 2 PERCENT FROM SEPTEMBER

Minnesota's December 1 inventory of hogs at 6.5 million head was unchanged from a year earlier however down 2 percent from the September 1, 2004 figure. Breeding hogs totaled 600,000 and 5.90 million head were market hogs and pigs, both unchanged from a year ago. The U.S. inventory was up slightly to 60.5 million head. The national breeding hog inventory at 5.97 million head, was down 1 percent from last year while the market hog inventory at 54.5 million head, was up slightly from last year.

Minnesota's September-November 2004 pig crop totaled 2,548,000 head, up 1 percent from last year. This is a record pig crop for the December quarter. The 280,000 sows that farrowed averaged 9.10 pigs per litter, up from 9.00 a year ago. The pig crop in the U.S. at 25.6 million head, was up slightly from the previous year. Pigs saved per litter were 8.96, compared to 8.93 a year ago.

Minnesota producers say they will farrow 285,000 sows in the December 2004-February 2005 quarter. If realized this would be unchanged from the previous year. Producers intend to farrow 285,000 sows during the March-May 2005 quarter. This would be down 2 percent from the previous year. U.S. hog producers intend to have 2.86 million sows farrow during the December 2004-February 2005 quarter, up 1 percent from the previous year and 2.87 million sows for the March-May 2005 quarter, down slightly from the previous year.

## FARROWING INTENTIONS

State	SOWS TO FARROW			
	Dec.'04 - Feb.'05	% Change Prev.Yr.	Mar. '05 - May '05	% Change Prev.Yr.
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>
AR	44	116	44	107
CO	73	100	78	108
IL	205	100	205	95
IN	135	93	135	100
IA	440	107	440	102
KS	84	100	85	101
MI	48	107	51	116
<b>MN</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>285</b>	<b>98</b>
MO	170	100	170	100
NE	170	97	170	97
NC	540	98	540	98
OH	76	103	75	103
OK	190	103	190	100
PA	51	96	53	106
SD	69	99	73	104
TX	46	100	47	100
WI	23	96	23	88
Other Sts 1/	206	101	204	98
US	2,855	101	2,868	100

1/ Individual State estimates not available for the 33 other states.

## DECEMBER 1, 2004 HOG INVENTORIES AND SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER 2004 FARROWINGS

State	TOTAL		BREEDING		MARKET HOGS & PIGS						SOWS FARROWED SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER			
	Number	2004 As % of 2003	Number	2004 As % of 2003	Under 60 Pounds	60-119 Pounds	120-179 Pounds	180+ Pounds	TOTAL		2003	2004 As % of 2003	Pigs Per Litter	Pig Crop 1/
									Number	2004 As % of 2003				
	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>-----1,000-----</u>				<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>Pct.</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>1,000</u>
AR	330	106	85	100	130	40	35	40	245	109	42	120	9.50	399
CO	800	107	140	104	355	100	75	130	660	107	72	103	8.45	608
IL	4,000	100	420	102	1,360	830	770	620	3,580	100	205	100	8.85	1,814
IN	3,150	102	290	97	960	750	610	540	2,860	102	135	93	8.85	1,195
IA	16,100	101	1,070	101	4,480	4,130	3,340	3,080	15,030	101	450	102	8.90	4,005
KS	1,720	104	155	97	460	330	350	425	1,565	105	82	101	8.80	722
MI	940	99	110	100	320	195	160	155	830	99	44	86	9.20	405
<b>MN</b>	<b>6,500</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>600</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>2,250</b>	<b>1,420</b>	<b>1,250</b>	<b>980</b>	<b>5,900</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>9.10</b>	<b>2,548</b>
MO	2,900	98	340	100	1,200	530	480	350	2,560	98	170	97	8.95	1,522
NE	2,850	98	355	96	970	650	470	405	2,495	99	170	92	9.00	1,530
NC	9,800	98	1,020	100	3,420	2,150	1,750	1,460	8,780	98	540	100	9.00	4,860
OH	1,450	95	155	97	535	310	270	180	1,295	95	77	104	9.00	693
OK	2,400	101	360	100	970	340	250	480	2,040	101	190	103	8.90	1,691
PA	1,080	97	115	96	280	275	225	185	965	97	49	96	9.50	466
SD	1,330	104	140	97	400	300	260	230	1,190	105	70	100	9.20	644
TX	980	105	100	95	290	200	205	185	880	107	45	136	8.95	403
WI	430	90	50	91	135	90	80	75	380	89	25	96	8.80	220
Oth Sts 2/	3,741	100	464	98	1,121	799	706	651	3,276	101	206	98	8.91	1,833
US	60,501	100	5,969	99	19,636	13,439	11,286	10,171	54,531	100	2,852	100	8.96	25,558

1/ Number of pigs born September - November that were on hand December 1, or had been sold. 2/ Other State estimates include 33 remaining States.

**Monthly Farrowings: Number of Sows, Pigs per Litter, and Pig Crop,  
United States, December-November 2003-2004 1/ 2/**

Month	Sows Farrowing		Pigs per Litter		Pig Crop	
	2003	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
	1,000 Head	1,000 Head	Number	Number	1,000 Head	1,000 Head
Dec <sup>1</sup>	907	935	8.76	8.84	7,941	8,265
Jan	930	954	8.82	8.86	8,202	8,448
Feb	932	947	8.86	8.86	8,257	8,392
Mar	946	958	8.85	8.89	8,373	8,515
Apr	966	957	8.88	8.93	8,581	8,550
May	974	955	8.91	8.97	8,674	8,568
Jun	968	968	8.90	8.99	8,616	8,704
Jul	979	966	8.90	9.00	8,708	8,692
Aug	971	954	8.91	9.03	8,650	8,614
Sep	967	958	8.91	8.97	8,616	8,589
Oct	954	951	8.93	8.96	8,519	8,524
Nov	935	943	8.93	8.96	8,352	8,445
Total	11,429	11,445	8.88	8.94	101,490	102,305

1/ December preceding year.

2/ Monthly values may not add to quarterly or annual totals due to rounding.

**FALL POTATO: STOCKS**

Type	Region 1/	Dec. 1, 2003		Dec. 1, 2004	
		Stocks 2003 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks	Stocks 2004 Crop (000) Cwt	Percent of Total Stocks
Red	Minnesota	1,950	14	1,170	9
White		700	5	700	5
Russet		11,350	81	11,130	86
Total		14,000	100	13,000	100
Red	MN Area 1	1,450	36	1,080	30
White		250	6	540	15
Russet		2,300	58	1,980	55
Total		4,000	100	3,600	100
Red	MN Area 2	500	5	90	1
White		450	4	160	2
Russet		9,050	91	9,150	97
Total		10,000	100	9,400	100

1/ Minnesota Area 1 includes the following counties: Kittson, Roseau, Lake of the Woods, Marshall, Beltrami, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Mahanomen, Norman, Clearwater, Clay, Becker, and Wilkin counties. Minnesota Area 2 includes all remaining counties in the State.

## POTATO ACREAGE, PRODUCTION AND STOCKS

The Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service provides potato acreage, production, and stocks by two potato areas in Minnesota as requested by the potato industry. Area 1 includes fourteen Minnesota counties primarily located in the Red River Valley. Area 2 includes all remaining counties in Minnesota.

**2004 Fall Potato Production:** Minnesota's fall potato production is estimated at 18.9 million hundredweight, down 15% from last year's crop. Planted acreage at 47,000 was 13,000 acres below the 2003 level. Harvested acreage of 44,000 was down 14,000 acres from 2003. Minnesota's yield is forecast at a new record of 430 hundredweight, up 45 hundredweight from last year's record yield of 385. Area 1 yield averaged 290 hundredweight per acre and the Area 2 yield averaged 495 hundredweight per acre.

**December 1, 2004 Stocks:** Minnesota's fall potatoes in storage totaled 13.0 million hundredweight, down 7% from the December 1, 2003 level. The breakdown of stocks by type indicates 9% red, 5% white, and 86% russet.

Stocks in Area 1 totaled 3.6 million hundredweight, down 10% from 2003. Potato stocks by type in Area 1 break out as 30% red, 15% white, and 55% russet. Stocks in Area 2 totaled 9.4 million hundredweight, down 6% from 2003. Potato stocks by type in Area 2 break out as 1% red, 2% white, and 97% russet.

**15 Major States Potato Stocks:** The 15 major potato States held 272 million cwt of potatoes in storage December 1, 2004, up 1 percent from last year and 3 percent above 2002. Potatoes in storage account for 67 percent of the 2004 fall storage States' production, 1 percentage point above last year. Disappearance of 132 million cwt of potatoes is down 3 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. Shrink and loss, at 16.8 million cwt so far this season, is up 12 percent from last year and 8 percent above the same date in 2002. Processors in the 9 major States used 70.7 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 2 percent from a year ago and 8 percent below two years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 13.4 million cwt of the total processing, down 6 percent from last year and 15 percent below the same date in 2002.

## NOVEMBER EGG OUTPUT UP 2 PERCENT IN MINNESOTA

Minnesota layers produced 240 million eggs during November 2004 versus 236 million in November 2003. Laying flocks in the U.S. produced 7.46 billion eggs in November, up 2 percent from a year ago.

### POULTRY STATS - NOVEMBER

		2003	2004
Total Eggs Produced	MN	236 Mil.	240 Mil.
	U.S.	7,326 Mil.	7,455 Mil.
Number of Layers	MN	11.1 Mil.	11.0 Mil.
	U.S.	338.3 Mil.	343.5 Mil.
Eggs per 100 Layers	MN	2,131	2,173
	U.S.	2,166	2,170
CHICKENS:			
Hatched (November) Egg-Type	MN	1.1 Mil.	0.8 Mil.
	U.S.	30.2 Mil.	38.4 Mil.
Broiler-Type	U.S.	707.6 Mil.	730.8 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (Dec. 1) Egg-Type	WNC*	8.2 Mil.	7.0 Mil.
	U.S.	32.7 Mil.	35.9 Mil.
Broiler-Type	WNC*	22.5 Mil.	22.1 Mil.
	U.S.	638.2 Mil.	644.7 Mil.
TURKEYS:			
Placed (November)	WNC*	8.2 Mil.	8.4 Mil.
	U.S.	22.2 Mil.	22.2 Mil.
Eggs in Incubators (Dec. 1)	WNC*	11.0 Mil.	11.1 Mil.
	U.S.	28.4 Mil.	27.8 Mil.
*West North Central Region (Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, North & South Dakota, Minnesota.)			

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